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# Callaway Family Identified With Early Dixie History

Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina and Alabama are colonial homes of the Calloway family. Founder fathers include Anthony Calloway, of Isle of Kent County, Maryland, 1655; Caleb Callaway, of Virginia, 1661, whose wife was Elizabeth Lorane, and their children, Caleb, Jr., William, Dorothy, Mary and Joshua. The last named married Isabel Garrett March 20, 1728, and had a son, Thomas.

In 1665 Thomas Callaway, from England, had a grant of 766 acres in Charles City County, Virginia. It may be that he was a brother of Caleb and that the latter's son, Thomas, was his namesake. At least, that is the supposition.

Francis Callaway is the next name in the family history, and from him the families of North Carolina and of Kentucky trace their ancestry, for his son, Francis, Jr., went to North Carolina and founded a branch of the family, while his brother, Richard, was a pioneer of Kentucky, going there with Daniel Boone.

Other children of Francis Callaway were: Thomas, born in 1712; William, James, George, Elizabeth and Anne. Thomas was living in Halifax County, Virginia, in 1752, and a little later on he was captain of colonial militia in the French and Indian War, 1755-1758. With four sons, he settled in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1782. A fifth son, Elijah, was born in Georgia. The four born in Virginia were John, Joseph, Jacob and Isaac. Their mother was born Anderson. Her first name has not been handed down to the present day.

Callaway County, Kentucky, is named for Richard Callaway, Boone's companion. Later, Richard went to Missouri, and Callaway County is named for the family. Richard was born in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1724. He also was a soldier, with the rank of colonel, in the French and Indian War. In 1777 he was the first Representative from Kentucky in the Virginia House of Burgesses. Richard and wife, Frances Walton, were the parents of several sons and daughters.

In 1761 William Callaway, Gent., as he is called, made a gift of 100 acres in Bedford County, Virginia, "to be settled into a town." New London was the name, but it was only a hamlet or small town of 70 or 80 homes in 1776.



—Sketch by H. F. Linder.

*Coat of arms of the historic Callaway family, which is prominent in the South.*

Among families related to the Callaways are the Mercers, Milners, Santords and Royalls—the last named of South Carolina.

Records are found in histories of Meriwether and Wilkes Counties, Georgia; Chambers County, Alabama; Henning's Statutes, Volume 3; The Richmond Standard, History of Kentucky, by Collins, Volume 3. Also there is a family Bible extant with valuable data and a carefully compiled family genealogy, by T. W. Callaway, dedicated to the "Clan Callaway."

Kalloway was one way to spell the name in the long ago. There seems to have been a saint in the family—St. Callaway. The coat-armour blazoned in Bolton's Armory has no crest or motto unless it is the legend of St. Callaway, or prayer—"Ora Pro Me."